



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 4, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 4, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 4, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 4, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through June 4, 2016 for the United States were 3.91 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,833	29,103	28,399	28,582	28,713	28,178
Arkansas	22,000	22,520	22,878	22,559	22,596	22,687
Delaware	5,071	5,075	5,066	4,851	5,058	5,225
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,061	33,641	34,535	34,740	34,732	34,723
Kentucky	7,369	8,345	6,798	8,145	7,934	7,913
Louisiana	3,695	3,712	3,620	3,682	3,651	3,651
Maryland	8,091	8,070	7,880	8,195	8,138	8,067
Mississippi	18,032	18,196	18,272	18,169	18,272	18,169
Missouri	7,852	7,400	7,627	8,083	7,789	7,810
North Carolina	19,964	20,661	20,920	21,718	21,458	21,085
Oklahoma	6,851	6,581	6,826	6,439	6,582	6,541
Pennsylvania	4,762	4,469	4,773	4,559	4,597	4,632
South Carolina	5,450	5,554	5,481	5,491	5,565	5,333
Texas	15,503	15,617	15,701	15,846	16,031	16,020
Virginia	6,604	6,634	6,631	6,576	6,570	6,550
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,561	12,727	12,470	12,289	12,072	12,265
19 State total	207,924	209,530	209,102	211,149	210,983	210,074
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	99
Other States	8,838	8,192	8,490	8,657	8,614	8,515
United States	216,762	217,722	217,592	219,806	219,597	218,589
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	101	100	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,843	20,677	20,407	21,217	21,247	22,050
Arkansas	20,458	20,743	19,672	21,143	21,407	20,750
Delaware	4,505	5,652	5,177	6,274	6,076	5,267
Florida	1,137	1,139	1,140	1,155	1,052	1,070
Georgia	27,976	28,464	28,310	27,376	27,507	27,649
Kentucky	6,384	6,243	6,865	5,897	6,956	5,693
Louisiana	3,185	3,252	3,246	3,295	3,311	3,252
Maryland	7,350	5,950	6,110	5,353	5,835	6,674
Mississippi	15,038	15,050	15,519	15,295	14,971	15,347
Missouri	6,041	5,947	5,953	5,735	5,461	5,942
North Carolina	16,895	16,450	16,436	16,276	17,451	17,124
Oklahoma	3,906	4,212	4,211	3,437	3,528	4,298
Pennsylvania	3,632	3,802	3,629	3,780	3,551	3,711
South Carolina	4,669	5,259	5,016	5,103	4,547	3,885
Texas	12,779	12,708	13,056	12,922	12,764	12,893
Virginia	5,537	5,499	6,168	5,698	5,626	5,469
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,185	9,621	10,868	11,429	11,765	11,078
19 State total	171,520	170,668	171,783	171,385	173,055	172,152
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	99	100	99
Other States	6,627	6,856	6,654	7,211	6,535	6,898
United States	178,147	177,524	178,437	178,596	179,590	179,050
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	100	100	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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